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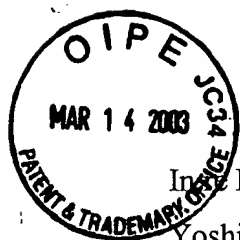
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In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2002, please consider Applicants' following remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Office Action December 16, 2002 was received and reviewed. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the consideration given to the above-identified application.

Claims 1-4 are pending in the present application, of which claims 3 and 4 have been withdrawn from consideration in a response to an election requirement dated October 8, 2002.

Referring now to the detailed Office Action, claim 1 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Taira (U.S. Patent No. 6,049,477), and claim 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Taira in view of Ishiwara (U.S. Patent No. 6,362,500). Both of these rejections have been previously applied for the same reasons as stated in the Office Action of June 14, 2002. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections at least for the reasons provided below.

One of the main features of the invention in the claim 1 or 2 resides in the magnitude of the data read voltage applied between the drain and the source of the FET (field effect transistor)